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Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary. My name is Parishe Smith and I am a resident and community organizer in the Northend of Hartford.

I am writing **IN STRONG OPPOSITION** to [S.B. No. 386](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Put simply, the Juvenile Justice Policy Oversight Committee does all the work that was highlighted in that bill. If this were to pass, this would make policy oversight a lot less comprehensive because it removes a lot of appointees. The JJPOC currently has the capacity to meet year round as a whole group and has subcommittees that work and meet monthly to complete their work. This would also make it a lot more difficult for the people to have input on recommendations made by this committee.

I urge you to KILL [S.B. No. 386](#). Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify today and feel free to reach out if you have any further questions.

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